

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 3

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

January 14, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Relative to the CHP Officer Robert James Quirk Memorial Highway.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 3, as introduced, Logue. The CHP Officer Robert James Quirk Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 5, in the County of Tehama, as the California Highway Patrol Officer Robert James Quirk Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Robert James
- 2 Quirk was born on January 24, 1922, in Chicago, Illinois, and was
- 3 the beloved and youngest child of Michael Quirk and Anna Lahic;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Officer Quirk enlisted in the United States Navy
- 6 in January 1942 and completed Naval Aviator Training; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Officer Quirk was commissioned as a Lieutenant
- 8 Junior Grade and saw action on the Philippine Islands while serving
- 9 as a squadron commander of B-24 bombers and flew multiple
- 10 bombing raids during the battle of Kwajalein; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Quirk was recognized for his many  
2 achievements and, in 1947, was honorably discharged from the  
3 Navy; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1951, Officer Quirk moved to San Diego,  
5 California, and began working at Consolidated Aircraft Company;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1954, Officer Quirk was hired by the CHP and  
8 assigned to the Compton CHP Office where he worked from 1955  
9 until 1963; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1963, Officer Quirk was transferred to the Red  
11 Bluff CHP Office where he served until his untimely death in 1971;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, On April 11, 1971, after being involved in a foot  
14 pursuit, during which time he singlehandedly caught three suspects,  
15 Officer Quirk suffered a fatal heart attack; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Quirk's death was a direct result of his  
17 honorable service to the people of the State of California, but was  
18 not recognized as such for over 40 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Quirk left a wife, Patricia, and five children,  
20 Michael, Sheila, Dan, Phil, and Ken, to cherish his memory and  
21 celebrate his legacy; and

22 WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps is his son,  
23 Sergeant Ken Quirk of the Storey County Nevada Sheriff's  
24 Department, who demonstrates the highest standards of law  
25 enforcement while carrying his father's handcuffs and wearing his  
26 father's brass belt buckle; and

27 WHEREAS, In honor of Officer Quirk's service and sacrifice,  
28 it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State Highway  
29 Route 5, in the County of Tehama, as the California Highway  
30 Patrol Officer Robert James Quirk Memorial Highway; now,  
31 therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates a  
34 portion of State Highway Route 5, in the County of Tehama, as  
35 the California Highway Patrol Officer Robert James Quirk  
36 Memorial Highway; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
38 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
39 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
40 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations

- 1 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and
- 2 be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 5 author for appropriate distribution.

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